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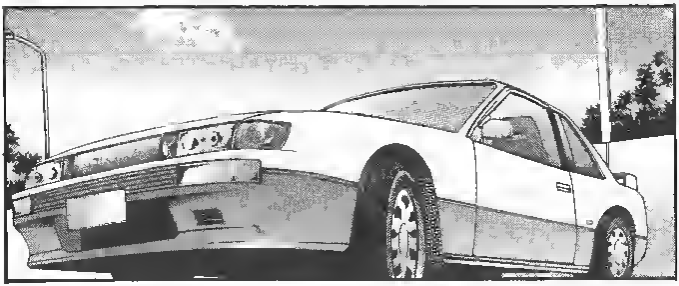


REPORT 9 Our Colored Photograph

OKAY, HERE WE GO.
OOPS!
HUH?
GOTCHA!

WHAT THE--?!
AH!
OH! WATCH OUT!
I'M SO SORRY!
IT JUST LOOKED SO COOL, I WANTED TO TAKE A PEEK.
OH! I SEE...

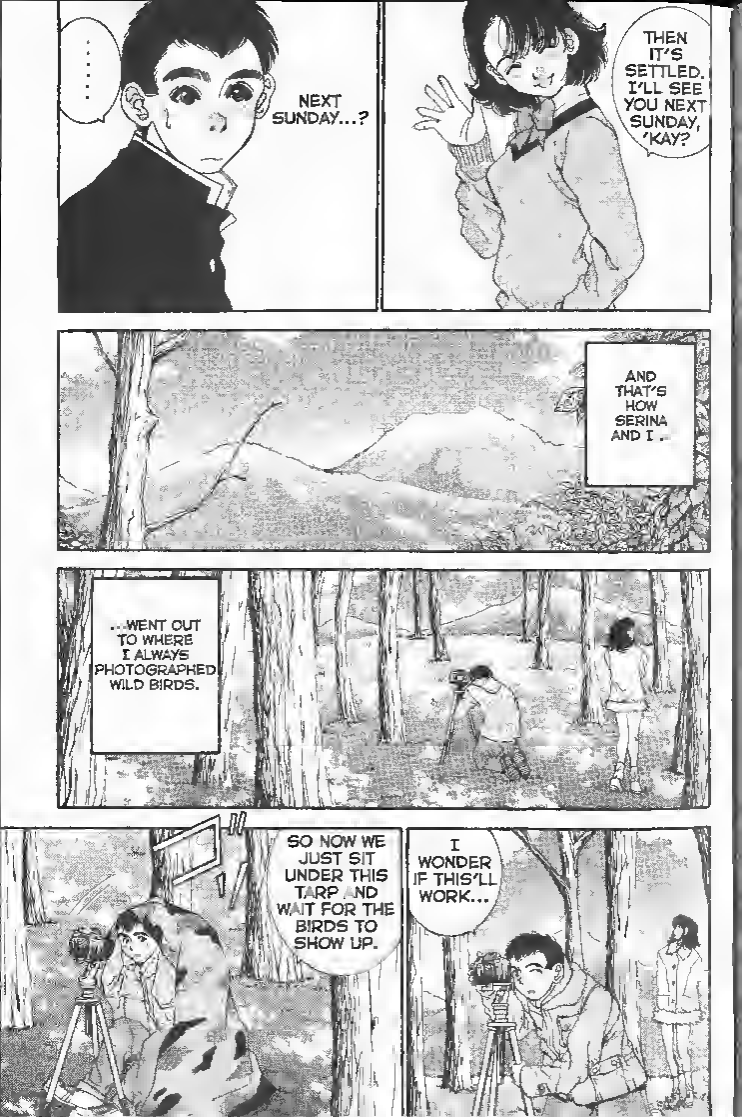
THAT'S A PRETTY COOL CAMERA YOU GOT THERE.
THANKS. I BOUGHT IT WITH THE MONEY I SAVED UP FROM MY JOB.
Yes
UH, DO YOU ALSO LIKE TAKING PICTURES?
YUP!
TA-DA!!

WOW, YOU GOT AN APS.
I ALWAYS CARRY MY CAMERA ON ME.
HEH HEH. AND THAT'S NOT ALL...
...HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS I TOOK!
TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK!
HUH? ME?
YES YOU, FUJIMOTO. YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY, SO I WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU THINK OF MINE.

REALLY?
THESE ARE PRETTY GOOD.
WELL? I ONLY TOOK PICTURES OF STUFF I LIKE, BUT...
THAT'S GREAT! AT LEAST I KNOW THAT I HAVE SOME TALENT!
I DON'T THINK I COULD TAKE SOME OF THESE MYSELF.
UH, YES. YOU HAVE A UNIQUE TASTE IN SUBJECTS.
YOU BET! I LOVE THEM!
RIGHT.
YOU REALLY DO LIKE PHOTOGRAPHS DON'T YOU?

BRING THEM TOMORROW, OKAY? IT'S A PROMISE!
OF COURSE! I ALREADY SHOWED YOU MINE!
HUH? MINE?
HEY, FUJIMOTO WOULD YOU SHOW ME SOME OF YOUR PICTURES SOMETIME?
...
THE NEXT DAY...
OH, WOW!
OH, OF COURSE...
HUH?
DID YOU BRING YOUR PHOTOS LIKE I ASKED YOU?
ALL RIGHT BUT THEY'RE NOT VERY INTERESTING...
WELL THEN? IF YOU BROUGHT THEM, HURRY UP AND SHOW ME!

THAT'S SOOOOO CUUUUTE!
AND THIS ONE'S EVEN CUTER!
WOW, FUJIMOTO YOU SURE LIKE TAKING PICTURES OF BIRDS, HUH?
YEAH.
IT MUST BE REALLY HARD TO GET SOME OF THESE PHOTOS!
UH, YEAH... WELL, KIND OF...
HMMM
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE FUN! COULD YOU BRING ME ALONG NEXT TIME?
HUH?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NEXT SUNDAY...?
THEN IT'S SETTLED. I'LL SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY, 'KAY?
AND THAT'S HOW SERINA AND I...
...WENT OUT TO WHERE I ALWAYS PHOTOGRAPHED WILD BIRDS.
SO NOW WE JUST SIT UNDER THIS TARP AND WAIT FOR THE BIRDS TO SHOW UP.
I WONDER IF THIS'LL WORK...

.....
OH. SURE.
LET ME IN, TOO.
HMM...
THIS WAY, THE BIRDS WON'T SEE EITHER OF US!
キュッ
!
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE COMING.

SHH. BE QUIET.
OR THE BIRDS WILL FLY AWAY.
OH!

Chuckle ch Chle
HE'S SO CUTE.
!
PRONEA
6001

HEE HEE HEE...
UH-OH WE'RE SO CLOSE NOW, I CAN'T LOOK AT HER FACE-TO-FACE.

I WISH I COULD TAKE HER PICTURE.
.....
WHAT AM I DOING? THINK ABOUT THE BIRDS. THE BIRDS!
BUT I COULD NEVER TELL HER THAT.

I BET SERINA WILL FLIP WHEN SHE SEES THESE PICTURES I TOOK
HUH?
I'M SERIOUS!
NO WAY! ARE YOU FOR REAL?!
ANY NUDE ONES?
HEY.. WHAT KIND OF PICTURES DID YOU TAKE OF SERINA, HMM?
HUH?!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...?
?!
WELL, WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T THE MAN HIMSELF!
WE WERE JUST...
SHUT UP, GUYS! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YEAH! SO 'FESS UP!
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH US! WE KNOW YOU AND SERINA WENT UP TO THE MOUNTAINS FOR A LITTLE ALONE TIME

THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON BETWEEN SERINA AND FUJIMOTO!
SEE? HOW MANY TIMES DO WE HAVE TO TELL YOU?
WHAT THE ...? THIS IS NOTHING BUT A BUNCH OF DUMB BIRDS! WHAT A RIP!
HEY!
AH-HA! AND WHAT'S THIS?!
. . . . . .
COME ON, FUJIMOTO! TELL THEM!
W-WAIT A MINUTE...
YEAH! I FEEL SORRY FOR SERINA NOW!
WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY, AND DECIDED TO GO TAKE PICTURES OF WILD BIRDS...
IT'S TRUE. NOTHING HAPPENED.
COME ON LET'S GET GOING
NO FUN!
I MIGHT BE CALLED IN MATH CLASS NEXT!

HM?
HEY THERE.
I WAS HOPING WE COULD GO TAKE PICTURES OF BIRDS AGAIN TOGETHER, BUT... I GUESS WE WON'T BE GOING ANYMORE.
SERINA...
I'M SORRY. IT'S MY FAULT ALL THAT HAPPENED ...

MAYBE, BUT... I STILL FEEL BAD.
AND IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. I'M NOT UPSET AT ALL.
DON'T WORRY. IT'S NOTHING.
REALLY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I'LL BE FINE.
OH! I KNOW! MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING I CAN DO TO MAKE UP FOR IT!
:
PHOOEY.
SHE ALSO LOOKS CUTE WHEN SHE'S POUTING.
PFF!

HUH? WHAT IS IT?
I WAS THINKING
UH... HEY, LISTEN
SURE. THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
..I COULD TAKE A PICTURE OF YOU
I MEAN I WAS HOPING
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT? LIKE MYSELF? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
JUST ACT LIKE YOURSELF.

AH! NO FAIR! I WASN'T READY!
HUH?!
パシャ
Q-QUIT IT ..ONLY TAKE MY PICTURE WHEN I'M READY!
?!
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パシャ

YOU SURE THEY WERE OKAY?
OH! THANKS.
HUH?
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO... TAKE A PICTURE OF A GIRL.
YOU MEAN LIKE THIS...?
HUH?
COULD YOU HOLD UP YOUR CAMERA AGAIN?

HUH?
Nikon
HUH?!

SO...WILL YOU STILL BRING ME TO TAKE PICTURES OF BIRDS?
I DON'T CARE IF EVERYONE MAKES FUN OF ME.
HEH HEH HEH!
O-OF COURSE!

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YO.
HEY THERE, ETSUO!
IT'S COLD OUT HERE
EEP!
HUH...?
IT'S HERE! IT'S HERE!
TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT I BOUGHT, ETSUO!
I'M STILL GETTING USED TO IT, SO IT TICKLES WHEN IT GOES OFF
HEH HEH HEH.

IS THAT A PAGER?
MODEL R-FASC
BeGeWo
I'VE GOT A BIT OF A SECRET CRUSH ON MY CLASSMATE, NAGISA ICHIKAWA.
PRETTY COOL, HUH?
WHATEVER
BUT BECAUSE WE'RE BOTH PRETTY STUBBORN PEOPLE, I ACT LIKE I DON'T.
MODEL R-FASC
POCKET BELL
What R U doing now?
If U R not BZ, let's hang out!
Makoto 3133-XXXX
SEE? IT'S RINGING!
BELL FRIEND?
I DUNNO!
WHO IS THIS "MAKOTO" PERSON?
I PUT UP AN AD IN A MAGAZINE LOOKING FOR BELL FRIENDS
...MAYBE HE FOUND IT.
BELL FRIEND?
YEAH. THEY'RE FRIENDS YOU CAN ONLY MAKE THROUGH YOUR POCKET BELL PAGER!

YOU'D UNDERSTAND IF YOU HAD YOUR OWN POCKET BELL. IT'S REALLY A LOT OF FUN!
IS IT JUST ME, OR ARE YOU... JEALOUS?
AND I SUPPOSE YOU'RE REALLY THAT THRILLED TO GET A MESSAGE FROM SOME GUY YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN
HMM
NAH, IT'S STUPID.
THAT DAY, AFTER SCHOOL...
POCKET BELL, HUH?
POCKET BELL
HM?

I ACTUALLY BOUGHT ONE
POCKET BE
I HOPE I FIND MYSELF A GIRL ONE WHAT'S THIS?!
OKAY, FIRST THINGS FIRST. I GOTTA FIND SOME BELL-FRIENDS
WHADDAYA KNOW? SHE GOES TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS ME! I WONDER WHO SHE IS...?
SEARCHING FOR A BELL-FRIEND
I want to find a lot of different friends!
I'm a girl who goes to St. Sakura High School!
Please be my Bell-Friend!
Minami Sara 5535-XXXX
SO NEXT, I PUT IN MY INFORMATION WITH A NUMBER CODE...
ALL RIGHT! I CHOOSE HER!

ETTER USE A FAKE ONE.
HMM, WHAT SHOULD I DO? IT'D BE TOO LAME TO PUT IN MY REAL NAME
OH! ALMOST FORGOT! I HAVE TO PUT IN MY NAME AND NUMBER NOW!
WILL
65 04 23 45
YOU BE MY
64 04 93 45 75 52
BELL FRIEND
51 43 44 23 41 04 31 12
I HOPE I'M DOING THIS RIGHT...
HMM... 2 * 2 *.
THEN I JUST PUT IN MY NUMBER, AND...
TOKIO
45 22 15
3117-
SHE RESPONDED!
WHOA!
Tokio!
Thanx 4 answering!

Kinda like Hirosue.
POCK
BEEP BEEP BEEP
ALL RIGHTY, THEN. NOW IT'S MY TURN TO ANSWER
Sara, who do U look like?
Takio
POCKET
THIS IS MAKING ME PRETTY EXCITED FOR SOME REASON
POTATOES FOR ALL!
WOW... RYOUKO HIROSUE?
HUH...? M-ME?
How bout U, Takio?
POCKET

KI-MU-TA-KU...
BEEP BEEP
AH, WHAT'S IT MATTER? SHE CAN'T SEE ME ANYWAY.
.....
IT WAS JUST TOO MUCH FUN EXCHANGING MESS...GES WITH HER ALL NIGHT.
AFTER THAT, I FELL HEAD OVER HEELS FOR MY POCKET BELL.
I WONDER IF SHE'S THE PRETTY BUT SHY TYPE...?
SHE LOOKS LIKE RYOUKO HIROSUE AND GOES TO MY SCHOOL!
GRIIIIIN
Good night Sara
THIS IS SO MUCH FUN!!

THIS THING'S NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL!
TA-DA! LOOK AT WHAT I GOT!
WHAT'S UP?
NAGISA!
AND YESTERDAY YOU WERE JUST SAYING HOW STUPID THEY WERE, HM?
AH! IT'S A POCKET BELL!
HEY! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME YOUR BEEPER NUMBER?
YEAH, YEAH GIVE IT A REST.

I ALREADY MADE A REALLY CUTE FRIEND LAST NIGHT!
FINE. LIKE I NEED TO KNOW ANYWAY.
LIKE I'D EVER TELL YOU.
HE'S REALLLLY COOL! I'M TOTALLY LUCKY!
OH, IS THAT SO? I MADE A NEW BELL-FRIEND LAST NIGHT, TOO!
AND I BET THE FRIEND YOU MADE IS JUST AN UGLY HAG.
GIMME A BREAK HE WAS PROBABLY LYING. I BET HE'S NOTHING BUT A CREEP.
...I CHATTED WITH SARA OVER MY POCKET BELL..
EVERY DAY AFTER THAT...

I'LL LISTEN TO ANYTHING!
Will U listen to my worries?
POCKET BELL
HUH?
My boobs are too small...
POCKET BELL
HOPE IT'S NOT BOY TROUBLES.
I WONDER WHAT SORT OF WORRIES SHE HAS
HMM... WELL, I HEARD IF YOU MASSAGE YOUR BOOBS EVERY DAY, THEY'LL GET BIGGER...
H-HER B-B-BOOBS?
WHAT?!
BEEP BEEP
ALL RIGHT! I'LL SAY IT!

I HOPE SHE'S NOT ANGRY AT ME FOR SAYING IT...
プルプル
ON THE PHONE
Got it!
I'll try massaging them in the bath!
POCKET
.....
MASSAGING THEM... IN THE BATH?
RUB RUB RUB!
AAHHH— SHE'S RUBBING THEM IN THE BATH RIGHT NOW?! HOW HOT!

grin grin
grin grin
MAN, IT'S BEEN GREAT THESE PAST FEW DAYS!
I JUST HAD AN ADULT CONVERSATION WITH MY BELL-FRIEND LAST NIGHT
WELL, MY BELL-FRIEND
...IS SO RELIABLE, I CAN TELL HIM ABOUT ANYTHING!
I THINK I'LL GIVE MY BELL-FRIEND A RING RIGHT NOW.
YEAH! M-ME TOO.

BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
HUH?
BEEP BEEP BEEP
?!
BEEP BEEP
ガシャ
HUH?!
.....
D-DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE... TOKIO?
ARE YOU... SARA...?

THAT WAS YOU?!
THAT WAS YOU?!
WHAT THE HECK?! YOU LOOK NOTHING LIKE KIMUTAKU!!
YEAH? AND JUST HOW DO YOU LOOK LIKE RYOUKO HIROSUE??
BLUSH
BLUSH

NEVER HAVE TOLD ME...?
IF ONLY I'D KNOWN IT WAS YOU ALL ALONG, I'D NEVER HAVE TOLD YOU...
HEY...!
BLUSH
ABOUT HOW YOU MASSAGE THINGS?
...

WE NEVER EVEN EXCHANGED A SINGLE WORD.
AFTER THAT DAY, NAGISA AND I STOPPED TALKING TO EACH OTHER
EVER SINCE THAT DAY, I HAVEN'T HEARD A WORD FROM HER OR MY POCKET BELL.
...AND IT WASN'T NAGISA'S FAULT EITHER.
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS MY FAULT...
I CAN'T STAND THIS ANYMORE!
DAMMIT! WHAT SHOULD I DO?

MAYBE I SHOULD STOP WORRYING AND JUST TALK TO HER!
.....
.....
?!
HEY, NAGISA, LISTEN...
WHY WON'T YOU TALK TO ME ..?
.....
.....

?!
ガタ
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
HUH?
How long will U stay angry?

.....
.....
.....
BEEP
BEEP
HUH?!
What do U care?
POCK
Lighten up, will U?
Leave me alone.
Co Wo
PO

Why?
POCKET BELL
I can't leave U alone.
ガチャン
?!
WH WHY?
BECAUSE...
DAMN IT!
AARRRGH!!

B...
BECAUSE I LIKE YOU!!
WH... WHAT...?
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T STAND LEAVING THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE.

HUH?
BEEP BEEP
I KNOW I WAS MEAN BUT I WAS JUST SO EMBARRASSED...
I'M...I'M SORRY.

...AGISA...
HUH?
...WAS A HEART SYMBOL THAT ONLY COUPLES USE.
ON THE FRONT OF MY POCKET BELL...
POCKET

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OH, MAN! I'M STARVING!
I'LL BET. YOU HAD A HARD WORKOUT BACK THERE. I'M JUST AS HUNGRY!
HUH?
LET'S STOP IN.
YEAH, LET'S!
Bocker's

HEY—YOU WERE THE ONE THAT OFFERED!
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M YOUR BOYFRIEND OR NOTHING
NO WAY! I ALWAYS PAY THESE DAYS! IT'S YOUR TURN FOR ONCE, KANAE.
YOU PAYING, KOUJI?
FINE, THEN. I'LL GO IN ALONE.
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! WE'LL GO DUTCH!
AHHH... THAT WAS DELICIOUS!

LICK
OOPS— YOU GOT SOME MAYONNAISE ON YOUR FACE
THANKS FOR THE MEAL! YOU'RE A REAL LIFESAVER!
HUH? YOU'RE MAKING ME PAY AFTER ALL?!
mmm
IN RETURN, I'LL CLEAN UP!
...YOU WIN.
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M THE ONLY GIRL WHO'D GO OUT TO LUNCH WITH YOU ANYWAY!
D-DON'T BE STUPID! I'D HAVE PLENTY OF GIRLS...IF I ACTUALLY ASKED THEM OUT.
YEAH, RIGHT BUT YOU'VE NEVER ASKED OUT A GIRL, HAVE YOU?
AND IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'VE GOT ANYONE WHO'D GO OUT WITH YOU!

HUH?
OH, LOOK AT THE TIME! I'M SUPPOSED TO BE SOMEWHERE!
UGH!
HA HA HA HA!
WHAT'S WITH HER...?
THANKS AGAIN!
SORRY, BUT I REALLY GOTTA GET GOING.
HM?
UGH. WHAT DO GIRLS SEE IN THESE THINGS?
WHAT IS THIS, ANYWAY? "GOOD LUCK CHARMS BOOK" ..?
HUH.. LOOKS LIKE SHE FORGOT HER BOOK.

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
PLACE A FLOWER PETAL BETWEEN A PICTURE OF YOU AND YOUR CRUSH
YADDA YADDA YADDA, *GOOD LUCK CHARMS TO STEAL A KISS FROM THE BOY (OR GIRL) OF YOUR DREAMS* ?
HUH? THERE'S A BOOKMARK IN IT
AND IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'VE GOT ANYONE THAT WOULD GO OUT WITH YOU!
I WONDER... IF IT COULD BE ME?
WHAT A JOKE.
...WONDER WHO IT IS?
IT MUST MEAN THAT KANAE'S LOOKING TO KISS SOMEONE, IF SHE PUT HER BOOKMARK HERE.
YEAH, RIGHT. LIKE THAT WOULD EVER HAPPEN.

HUH?
HERE. YOU FORGOT YOUR BOOK YESTERDAY.
THE NEXT DAY.
YUP.
SO... YOU REALLY BELIEVE IN THAT GOOD LUCK CHARM STUFF?
OH--THANKS! I DIDN'T REALIZE I'D LEFT IT BEHIND!
NO WAY WOULD I EVER BELIEVE IN SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T HAVE SCIENTIFIC BACKUP!
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE? YOU MEAN YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN IT, KOUJI?
HMM...
...BUT I'M SURE THERE'RE PLENTY OF TIMES WHEN YOU CLING TO SOME KIND OF HOPE. LIKE SOMEONE.
THAT MAY BE TRUE...

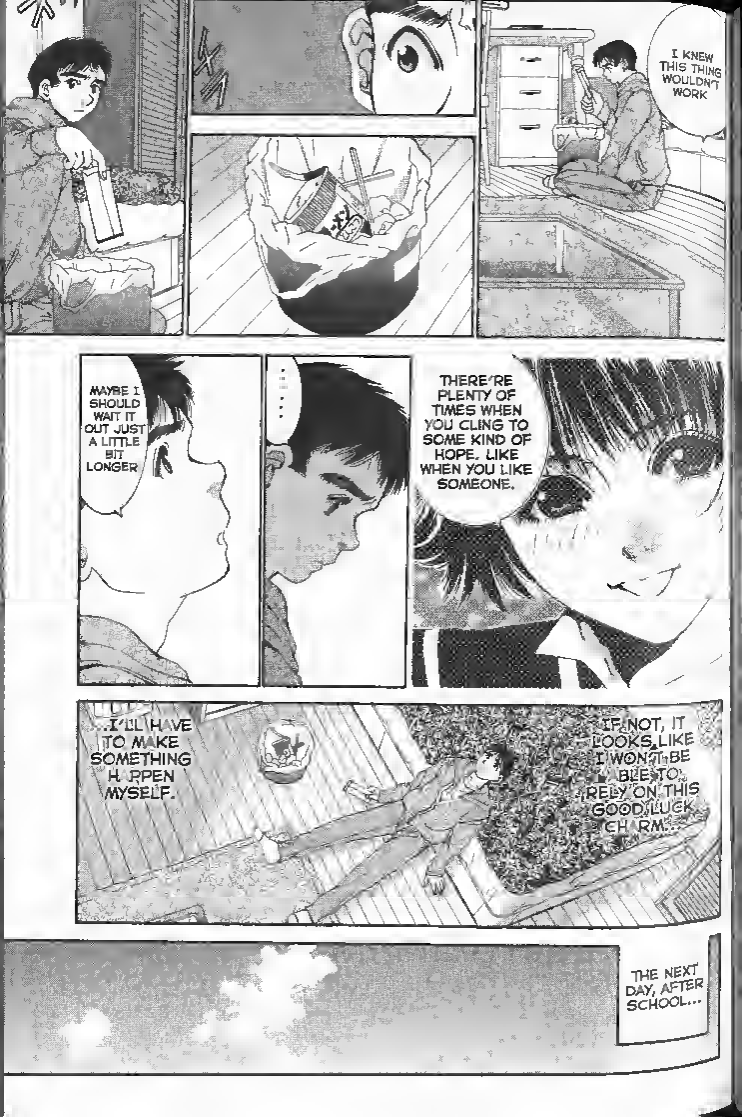
.....
O-OKAY THEN. WHAT ABOUT THAT PART WHERE YOU HAD YOUR BOOKMARK?
THE ONE ABOUT KISSING YOUR CRUSH. DID YOU TRY IT OUT?
OH! YOU MEAN... YOU SAW THAT?
UH... WELL... HOW DID IT TURN OUT?
HEE HEE
I THINK IT JUST MIGHT WORK.
OH? AN ENVELOPE...
I WONDER IF SHE REALLY DID PULL OFF THE GOOD LUCK CHARM
DING DONG
DING DONG

WHO DOES SHE WANT TO KISS?
THERE WAS THAT CHARM ABOUT PUTTING A FLOWER PETAL BETWEEN TWO PHOTOS...
MOM, I'M HOME!
HM?

SO FIRST I PUT THE FLOWER PETAL BETWEEN A PICTURE OF ME AND MY CRUSH...
AH-HA! FOUND IT!
WHATTHE HECK AM I DOING?!
THIS OUGHT TO DO IT.
...THEN I PUT IT IN AN ENVELOPE, AND PUT IT IN A POCKET NEXT TO MY CHEST.
THERE'S NO WAY THIS WOULD EVER WORK...

...I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH THE ENVELOPE IN MY POCKET ANYWAY.
BUT THE VERY NEXT DAY...
ACK!
MORNING!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I ACTUALLY BROUGHT THAT DUMB ENVELOPE AFTER ALL
NOTHING AT ALL...
OH, UH NOTHING AT ALL!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
ERK!
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

DO YOU HAVE A FEVER OR SOMETHING?
BLUSH
I TOLD YOU, I'M FINE!
YOU'RE ACTING FUNNY
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME?
...JUST MAYBE... I REALLY DO LIKE KANAE.
MAYBE...
BUT EVEN AFTER A WEEK HAD PASSED, THERE WAS STILL NO PROOF THAT MY GOOD LUCK CHARM WAS WORKING AT ALL
AFTER THAT DAY, I FOUND MYSELF FANTASIZING ABOUT KANAE'S LIPS ALL THE TIME


I KNEW THIS THING WOULDN'T WORK
THERE'RE PLENTY OF TIMES WHEN YOU CLING TO SOME KIND OF HOPE. LIKE WHEN YOU LIKE SOMEONE.
MAYBE I SHOULD WAIT IT OUT JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER
...
...I'LL HAVE TO MAKE SOMETHING H_RPEN MYSELF.
IF NOT, IT LOOKS LIKE I WON'T BE ABLE TO RELY ON THIS GOOD LUCK CH_RM...
THE NEXT DAY, AFTER SCHOOL...

HUH?
UH-OH! HERE SHE COMES!
H-HEY THERE, KANAE. FANCY MEETING YOU HERE! HA HA...
?
S-SURE!
WANNA WALK HOME TOGETHER?
.....
UH, KANAE? DID YOU EVER THINK ABOUT TAKING A DIFFERENT ROUTE HOME?
HUH?
OH, UH... NO REAL REASON.
JUST UH... I WAS THINKING HOW NICE IT WOULD BE TO UH... WALK ALONG THE RIVERSIDE FOR ONCE
WHY?
OH, MAN. THAT DIDN'T LOOK NATURAL AT ALL!

PHEW
YOU'RE RIGHT! LET'S GO!
WOO HOO!
!
ゴロロ
!
SORRY ABOUT THAT!
OH! LET ME KICK IT BACK!

OH, NO! I KICKED MY SHOE OFF!
ヒュー
HA HA HA HA!
HEY, COULD YOU LEND ME YOUR SHOULDER?
SURE THING- HERE YOU GO
ヒュー
!

THANKS.
OKAY.
HUH?
UH, I'M KINDA TIRED... LET'S SIT DOWN FOR A SEC.
COULD THIS BE WHAT THE "GOOD LUCK CHARM" WAS WORKING FOR?
AND NOW HERE WE ARE, JUST THE TWO OF US ON THE EMPTY RIVERSIDE.
HUH?
K-KANAE...?
THIS IS MY CHANCE!

UH...
...IT'S PRETTY CHILLY OUT TODAY, ISN'T IT?
UH... YEAH!
YEAH... IT IS...
Ha ha ha.
GOD, I'M SUCH A GOOF!
WHAT DO I DO NOW?!
OKAY! THIS TIME I'LL SAY IT!
SUH?

COME ON, KOUJI! SNAP OUT OF IT!
WHAT THE HELL AM I SAYING?
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT HAT SURE LOOKS NICE AND WARM, HUH?
OH! THIS?
YEAH, PRETTY NICE, HUH?
I REALLY LIKE IT, TOO!
YOU CAN DO THIS, KOUJI!
- IF I KEEP DILLY DALLYING, I'LL LOSE THOSE LIPS TO SOME OTHER GUY!
HOLY CRAP, SHE'S SO CUTE!!
KANAE'S LIPS..

I WON'T LET YOU KISS SOME OTHER GUY!
WH-WHAT IS IT?!
!?
KANAE!
I CAN'T STAND IT!
HUH?

I'M... I'M SORRY!
CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
SURE...
WAS THIS... WAS I... YOUR FIRST KISS?
.....

THEN I GUESS THAT MEANS MY CHARM WAS STRONGER THAN YOURS...
PHEW
YES...
THIS ONE.
HUH? WHAT CHARM?
I MADE A KISSING CHARM, TOO, AFTER TAKING A LOOK AT YOUR BOOK.
OH!
!
THAT'S TRUE. AFTER ALL, WE BOTH WISHED FOR THE SAME THING.
BUT I GUESS THEY CAN WORK AFTER ALL
I THOUGHT THE WHOLE CHARM THING WAS STUPID...

OH...!
...YUP.
BUT THIS IS...
OH, WOW! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
HA HA HA...
SEE, I LEFT THAT BOOK BEHIND ON PURPOSE...
...HOPING YOU WOULD GIVE IT A TRY TOO.

IT DOESN'T WORK IF YOU JUST FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. YOU HAVE TO PUT IN A LITTLE SCHEMING OF YOUR OWN TOO!
IT'S THE CHARM I MADE!
WHAT?! YOU MEAN-- I FELL INTO YOUR TRAP?!
NO!
.....
YUP... PERFECTLY.
AND IT WORKED, DIDN'T IT?
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Report.12: Longing for Dream-Colored Chocolate

...JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE VALENTINE'S DAY...
IT WAS A FINE DAY IN FEBRUARY...
THANKS!
I KNOW YOU LIKE MAX, MIKI, SO I MADE A COPY FOR YOU!
REALLY? SURE, LET'S GO!
WANNA STOP BY FOR SOME DONUTS ON THE WAY HOME? MY TREAT!
WHY, THANK YOU!
HERE, LET ME TAKE THAT OUT FOR YOU.
"WHAT A PATHETIC BUNCH OF LOSERS."
"YUCK! THIS ALWAYS HAPPENS THIS TIME OF THE YEAR! ALL THE BOYS START FAWNING OVER THE GIRLS LIKE SHMUCKS JUST BECAUSE THEY WANT SOME DUMB
THE THINGS A GUY WILL DO FOR CHOCOLATES REALLY!
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I CAN'T EVEN STAND TO LOOK AT THEM! I'M HEADED FOR THE CLUBS.

TA-TAKAMORI?!
OH!
HUH?
SORRY YOU HAD TO CATCH ME IN SUCH AN ODD POSITION.
OH! SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOSHIZAWA— HOW'S THE PAMPHLET FOR THE CONCERT TURNING OUT?
UGHT/ ABOUT THAT...

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DID YOU MAKE THIS LITTLE PICTURE, YOSHIZAWA?
YUP. BUT I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS GOING FOR...
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OH! LET ME SEE! LET ME SEE!
I THOUGHT IT'D LOOK BEST LIKE THIS, BUT
HA HA HA! MAYBE NOT! BUT IT'S STILL SUPER-CUTE!
I THOUGHT GETTING CHOCOLATES WAS GETTING STUPID. BUT MAN...IF I GOT SOME FROM TAKAMORI...
...I'D BE THE HAPPIEST BOY IN SCHOOL.

DARN IT! I FORGOT SOMETHING!
SO, TAKAMORI-, YOU'RE MAKING THE CHOCOLATES YOURSELF?
HUH?
TAKAMORI MAKES CHOCOLATES HERSELF?
SURE! I'LL GIVE IT A TRY.
WH-WHAT THE--?
DOES THAT MEAN SHE HAS SOMEONE SHE'S GOING TO GIVE CHOCOLATES TO?
SO WHO IS IT? IS HE IN OUR CLASS?
BINK
WHO... WHO COULD IT BE?!

NO FAIR! TELL US!
THAT'S FOR ME TO KNOW AND YOU TO FIND OUT!
IF HE'S IN THE SAME CLASS, THEN... IT MIGHT BE ME!
NOT IN THE SAME CLASS?!
WHAT?!
WELL, OKAY... HE'S NOT REALLY...
WHICH MEANS... MY CHANCES DROP TO ZERO!
...IT C...N'T BE TRUE!
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OH, NO...

THE NEXT NIGHT...
AND IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S A BOY IN SCHOOL WHO'D REJECT CHOCOLATES FROM SOMEONE AS HOT AS TAKAMORI!
SHE'S GOING TO GIVE CHOCOLATES TO SOME OTHER LUCKY GUY ON VALENTINE'S DAY...
OOOHH... BUT WHAT CAN I DO?!
I HAVE TO KEEP HER FROM DOING THAT!
NO! I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!
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I HAVE TO CONFESS MY LOVE TO HER BEFORE VALENTINE'S DAY!

THEN, ON THE 13TH OF FEBRUARY..
WHY? WHAT'S UP?
UH, NOTHING BIG. JUST...
HUH?
UH, TAKAMORI? COULD YOU COME UP TO THE ROOF FOR A BIT?
WELL, OKAY.
.....
?!
SO WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT, YOSHIZAWA?

HUH?
WILL YOU BE MY GIRLFRIEND?
OH, UH...
...BUT I...
I'VE... I'VE HAD A CRUSH ON YOU FOR A LONG TIME NOW!
BUT...
...I DON'T...
YOU MEAN... YOU DON'T LIKE ME?
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE YOU...
...IT'S JUST THAT THIS IS ALL SO SUDDEN...
AND, UH... I...

HUH? BUT...
I'M SORRY! I HAVE TO GO NOW!
SHE RAN AWAY.
...SO THAT COULD MEAN..
BUT SHE DIDN'T SAY THAT SHE DOESN'T LIKE ME, SO...
YES?... NO...?
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
YES! THINGS ARE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!
...THERE'S STILL A CHANCE!

THEN, ON VALENTINE'S DAY...
AW, MAN. MY HEART'S NEVER POUNDED SO HARD ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL BEFORE.
KEEP IT COOL. KEEP IT COOL. I'M SURE I'LL GET SOME CHOCOLATES!
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RHUH? COULD THEY BE IN MY SHOEBOX?
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HMM, MAYBE THEY'RE IN MY DESK.
OF COURSE THEY WOULDN'T BE IN HERE! IT'S UNSANITARY!
Ha ha...ha...
YO!
YO!

...?!
PHEW...
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...I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THEY'RE NOT HERE...
?!
HUH? FOR ME? REALLY?
GARSH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. THANKS!
WORKED LL NIGHT N THEM. I HOPE OU LIKE HEM. TEE HEE!
UGH!
DUH! SHE JUST GOT TO SCHOOL!
TA... TAKAMORI?!
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OOOH, I CAN'T WAIT TILL SCHOOL GETS OUT!
I WONDER WHEN SHE'LL COME OVER? PROBABLY AFTER SCHOOL.
GMNG IT TO ME FACE-TO-FACE!
THAT MEANS THE ONLY WAY LEFT IS...
NO WONDER THEY WEREN'T IN MY SHOEBOX OR DESK!
RIGHT RIGHT
AFTER SCHOOL THAT DAY...
THEY'RE MAKING TAKAMORI TOO SHY TO GIVE ME HER CHOCOLATES!
COME ON, COME ON! WHEN WILL THESE GUYS BUZZ OFF ALREADY?
SO THEN YESTERDAY, MASAMI--
HERE SHE COMES!
!!

HUH? WHERE'S SHE GOING?!
?!
. . . . . .
IT'LL BE EASIER TO GIVE ME HER CHOCOLATES THERE THAN IN THE CLASSROOM!
OH! THE CLUBROOM! OF COURSE!
HOW DUMB CAN I BE?
I Love Yoshi
HERE YOU GO, YOSHIZAWA. I MADE IT JUST FOR YOU!

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OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.
COUGH
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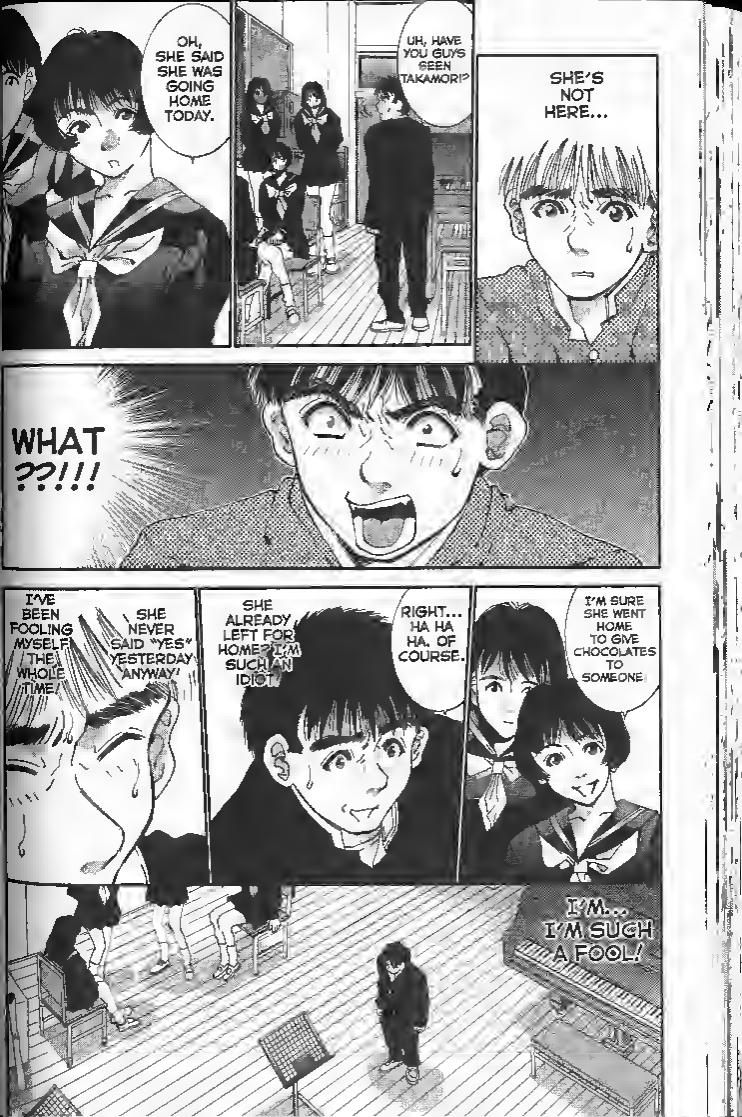
HUH?
HEY, THERE!
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING YOSHIZAWA? HURRY UP AND CLOSE THE DOOR! IT'S FREEZING OUT THERE!
HUH...?


OH, SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING HOME TODAY.
UH, HAVE YOU GUYS SEEN TAKAMORI?
SHE'S NOT HERE...
WHAT ??!!!
I'VE BEEN FOOLING MYSELF THE WHOLE TIME.
SHE NEVER SAID "YES" YESTERDAY ANYWAY!
SHE ALREADY LEFT FOR HOME? I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.
RIGHT... HA HA HA. OF COURSE.
I'M SURE SHE WENT HOME TO GIVE CHOCOLATES TO SOMEONE.
I'M... I'M SUCH A FOOL!

HM?
OF COURSE THERE'S NOTHING HERE...
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HERE YOU ARE! I MADE IT JUST FOR YOU!
I BET SHE'S GIVING IT TO SOMEONE ELSE THIS VERY INSTANT...

AND THEN...
HUH?
STUPID IDIOT! WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR, YOU WIMP!
--ZAWA!

HUFF HUFF HUFF...
HUH? WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE?
YOSHIZAWA!!
TA... TAKAMORI?
...HUFF HUFF HUFF...
THANK GOODNESS! I MADE IT JUST IN TIME!
HUH?
THIS IS FOR YOU!

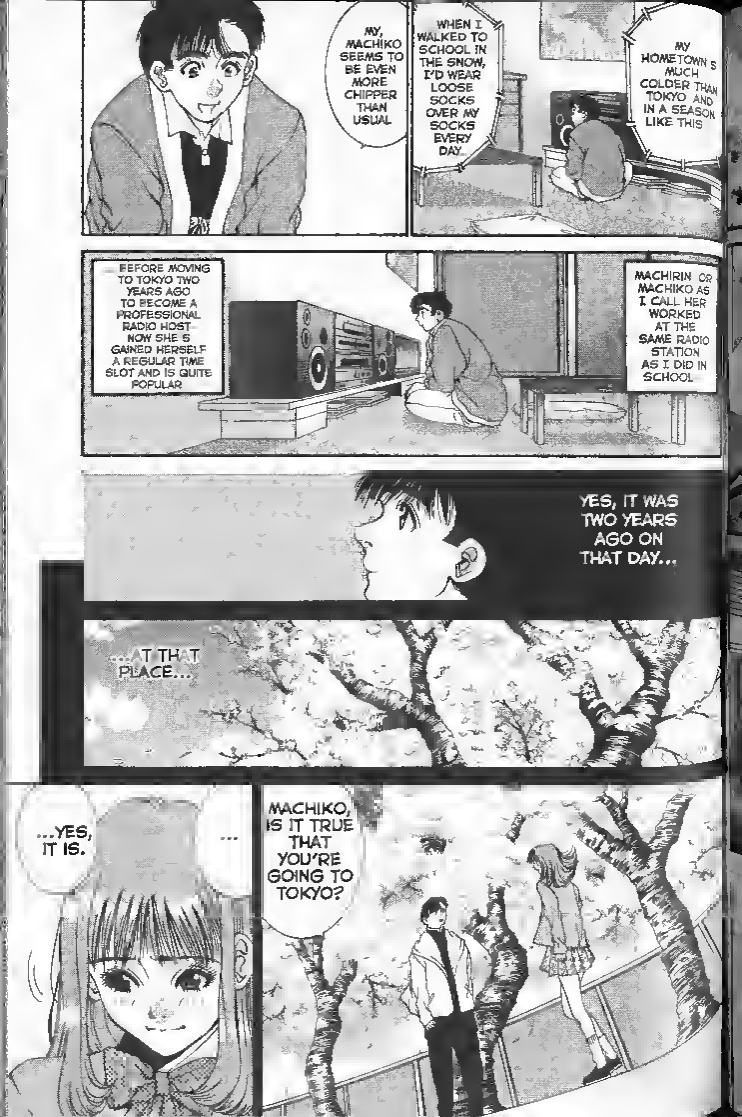
WELL, IT IS VALENTINE'S DAY, ISN'T IT?
IS THAT... FOR ME?
YES.
WHEN YOU FIRST ASKED ME OUT, I WAS SO SURPRISED!
WAS SO USTERED ANICKED ND RAN HOME.
BUT THEN I HAD TO MAKE THE CHOCOLATES, SO I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT...
...AND I HAD TO SKIP OUT ON PRACTICE TODAY TO BUY THE WRAPPING PAPER AND RIBBON, SO...
OH, I GET IT NOW. I'M SORRY I DIDN'T KNOW I JUST ASKED YOU OUT YESTERDAY AND ALL.
BUT WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU WERE PLANNING TO GIVE CHOCOLATES TO SOMEONE, I JUST COULDN'T STAND STILL!

OH... THAT WAS JUST FOR SHOW.
HUH?
FOR SHOW...?
YUP..
IT'S EMBARRASSING FOR A GIRL NOT TO HAVE ANYONE TO GIVE CHOCOLATES TO...
...SAME AS IT'S SAD FOR A BOY NOT TO GET ANY CHOCOLATES AT ALL.
OH... I SEE NOW.
GO AHEAD AND OPEN IT. IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL
RIGHT!
OH...!

I Love Yoshizawa
IT'S... DELICIOUS!
Sniffle
IT'S THE BEST CHOCOLATE I'VE EVER HAD!
Sniff
C-CALM DOWN, YOSHIZAWA! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THAT EXCITED!
BUT... BUT IT'S TRUE!

REPORT 13
Someday Beneath the Cherry Blossom Trees (Part One)

IN FEBRUARY, THE NORTHERN PARTS OF JAPAN ARE WRAPPED UP IN A BEAUTIFUL SNOWSCAPE.
NOW LET'S SEE...
BUT FOR ME, A STUDENT WHO IS BUSILY PREPPING TO GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITIES, IT WAS A RATHER TOUGH SEASON.
...OH! IT'S ALMOST TIME!
HELLO, EVERYONE! THIS IS YOUR HOST, MACHIRIN! SURE IS CHILLY OUT THERE, ISN'T IT?


MY, MACHIKO SEEMS TO BE EVEN MORE CHIPPER THAN USUAL
WHEN I WALKED TO SCHOOL IN THE SNOW, I'D WEAR LOOSE SOCKS OVER MY SOCKS EVERY DAY.
MY HOMETOWN IS MUCH COLDER THAN TOKYO AND IN A SEASON LIKE THIS
BEFORE MOVING TO TOKYO TWO YEARS AGO TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL RADIO HOST NOW SHE IS GAINED HERSELF A REGULAR TIME SLOT AND IS QUITE POPULAR
MACHIRIN OR MACHIKO AS I CALL HER WORKED AT THE SAME RADIO STATION AS I DID IN SCHOOL
YES, IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO ON THAT DAY...
...AT THAT PLACE...
MACHIKO, IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO TOKYO?
...
...YES, IT IS.

I'VE... I'VE HAD A CRUSH ON YOU FOR A LONG TIME NOW!
I PLAN ON... BECOMING A RADIO HOST.
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I'M GLAD YOU FEEL THAT WAY.
THANK YOU.
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SORRY. I CAN ONLY LEAVE YOU WITH A MEMORY NOW.

FRIENDS IN SCHOOL, EH? HEH, SHE MUST BE TALKING ABOUT ME
JUST MAKE SURE YOU DON'T CATCH A COLD!
AND I'M SURE ALL MY FRIENDS IN SCHOOL ARE WORKING THEIR HARDEST RIGHT NOW!
THAT'S RIGHT! CRAM. TIME FOR COLLEGE IS ALMOST UPON US!
AND OUR NEXT SONG UP IS...
THE NEXT DAY...
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OH! HIDEKI!
HEYA, HOUKO.
GIMME A RIDE, WOULD YOU?
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HEY!!
SO THAT'S HOW IT'S GOING TO BE, HMM?
YOU DARE TO ANGER THE ALMIGHTY HOUKO?

TAKE THIS!!
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HEH HEH HEH.
..HUH?
Yes!
REALLY... YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO HIT ME.

JEEZ-- WHO EVER SAID I WASN'T GOING TO STOP?
BESIDES, I DIDN'T THINK I'D ACTUALLY HIT YOU.
YOU WERE THE ONE THAT WOULDN'T STOP
NOW WAIT JUST A MINUTE!
SORRY-- IT'S JUST, YOU ALWAYS LOOK LIKE YOU'RE IN A BAD MOOD! Ha ha ha!
ALMOST FORGOT! DID YOU LISTEN TO MACHIRIN'S RADIO SHOW LAST NIGHT?
SHE SAID SHE ALSO WEARS LOOSE SOCKS OVER HER NORMAL ONES!
YOU BET!
YOU MEAN YOU DO, TOO?

UMPH! TALK ABOUT RUDE!
TALK ABOUT A MAJOR TURN-OFF.
OF COURSE! IT'S SO COLD, I WISH I'D WORN MY WOOL TIGHTS!
STILL, I GUESS I CAN'T COMPETE WITH MACHIRIN NOW THAT SHE'S THE IDOL OF THE RADIO WORLD, BUT...
...I USED TO BE AN IDOL IN MY OWN WAY WHEN I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB WITH HER.
UH, YEAH I'M MANAGING
Ermm
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD EVER COMPARE YOURSELF TO MACHIKO.
LISTEN, HIDEKI, HAVE YOU BEEN STUDYING FOR THE TESTS ENOUGH?
You've been doing nothing but listen to the radio!

LAST NIGHT MACHIKO CHEERED ME ON OVER THE RADIO YOU KNOW
YOU MEAN THAT PART ABOUT HER SCHOOL FRIENDS TRYING THEIR BEST?
YUP!
SILLY! SHE WASN'T ONLY TALKING ABOUT YOU!
TH-THAT MAY BE SO, BUT...
...WHAT DO YOU KNOW? THAT'S WHAT IT SOUNDED LIKE TO ME, ANYWAY.
THAT'S WHAT EVERY LISTENER PROBABLY THINKS!
.....
IT WAS RIGHT UNDER THIS VERY TREE...
...THAT I CONFESSED MY LOVE TO MACHIKO.

...I'LL BE ACCEPTED TO A TOKYO UNIVERSITY, AND FINALLY GET TO SEE MACHIKO AGAIN.
BUT I KNOW THAT THE NEXT TIME THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE IN FULL BLOOM...
...I'LL SEE.
HMM...
BY THE WAY, HOUKO... YOU'RE NOT GOING TO COLLEGE, ARE YOU?
A FEW DAYS LATER...
...IT WAS ALMOST TIME TO TRAVEL TO TOKYO TO TAKE MY ENTRANCE EXAMS.
HIDEKI! THERE'S A LETTER FOR YOU!
...I'M FINALLY GOING TO TOKYO TOMORROW!
ALL RIGHT! I GOT MY ADMISSION TICKET.
受験票
MY TICKET'S ALL SET...
WOW! IT'S FROM MACHIKO!

IT'S A GOOD LUCK CHARM...
SQUEEZE
I HAVE A FEELING I'M GOING TO GET IN!
HOUKO? WHAT IS IT?
HELLO?
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I BET HIDEKI WILL LOVE THIS!
OH, UH... IT'S NOTHING REALLY.
SO... WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
YO.
HERE HE COMES!
NAH. WELL... MAYBE A LITTLE.
I REALLY THOUGHT YOU'D BE BUGGING FROM ALL THE PRESSURE OF THE EXAMS
BUT I GOTTA SAY, YOU SURE ARE TAKING IT EASY THESE DAYS.

I JUST GOT A LETTER FROM MACHIKO TODAY!
HUH?
GUESS WHAT?
BY THE WAY...
JUST HOLDING IT, I GET THE FEELING I'LL PASS MY EXAMS.
SHE TOOK TIME OUT OF HER BUSY SCHEDULE TO SEND ME THIS!
CHECK IT OUT!

...OH!
THAT'S... GREAT TO HEAR.
SHE ALSO SAID IN HER LETTER THAT SHE MIGHT COME BY THIS SPRING!
BUT I WONDER IF SHE'LL COME DOWN EVEN EARLIER!
WELL, UH ...YOU SHOULDN'T GET YOUR HOPES TOO HIGH, RIGHT?
HUH?
AND JUST WHY IS THAT...?
WELL, I MEAN... SHE'S A BIG IDOL IN THE RADIO WORLD, YOU KNOW?
I WONDER IF SHE'D REALLY COME DOWN JUST TO SEE YOU.
BESIDES, WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU REALLY ONLY HAD AN UPPER- AND LOWER-CLASSMAN RELATIONSHIP ..
THAT'S NOT HOW IT WAS.

I... ME AND MACHIKO KISSED ONCE.
IS... IS THAT TRUE?
YUP.
IT WAS ON THE DAY OF HER GRADUATION.
I...I SEE...
BUT... THAT WAS TWO YEARS AGO...
...AND I... I HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT MACHIKO.

I HEARD THAT... SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND IN TOKYO NOW.
WHAT...?!
...I HAVE TO GO NOW.
.....
.....
HERE. I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS TODAY...
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GOOD LUCK ON YOUR EXAMS.
MACHIKO...
...HAS A BOYFRIEND?
GIMME A BREAK! I'LL BET SHE'S JUST LYING!

INSTEAD, I WENT TO WHERE MACHIKO LIVED IN TOKYO.
THE NEXT DAY, I DELAYED MY EXAMS FOR ONE MORE DAY.
I HEARD THAT... SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND IN TOKYO NOW.
IT'S GOTTA BE A LIE...HOW COULD MACHIKO HAVE A BOYFRIEND?
OH!
WH-WHAT AM I THINKING?
OUGHT TO BE TUDYING FOR NORROW'S EXAMS!

THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
I MEAN, WE ALREADY KISSED.
AND SHE TOOK THE TIME TO SEND ME THE GOOD LUCK CHARM...
...SO I KNOW IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
ONCE I GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY, I'LL BE WITH MACHIKO AND THEN...

WA, THIS
HOULD
E ABOUT
E RIGHT
LACE
BUT...
BUT ..MAYBE WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IS JUST STUPID.
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS, WITH THE EXAMS COMING TOMORROW.
WHAT AM I DOING? I CAME ALL THIS WAY HERE, AND I'M NOT EVEN SURE IF SHE'S HOME...
YEP, THIS IS THE PLACE. THIS IS MICHIKO'S APARTMENT.
OH...
HUH?

IT'S MACHIKO!
SHE'S COMPLETELY GROWN UP SINCE I LAST SAW HER TWO YEARS AGO.
AND JUST AS I SAW HER, FOR SOME REASON, I COULDN'T MAKE A SOUND...
HUH?

HA HA... HA.
IT WAS EXACTLY 11 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT...
...ON THE DAY BEFORE MY ENTRANCE EXAMS.

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REPORT 14
Someday Beneath the Cherry Blossom Trees (Part Two)

MY EXAMS WERE FINALLY OVER.
...WAS THE SCENE I SAW THE NIGHT BEFORE EXAMS, IN TOKYO.
BUT WHAT WAS REALLY MAKING MY HEART SO GLUM...
HIDEKI?
MACHIKO REALLY DID HAVE A BOYFRIEND AFTER ALL...?

UH... HEY THERE.
HOUKO...
WOW...DID I REALLY MESS UP OR WHAT?
GUESS I GOT ANOTHER YEAR TO STUDY AT HOME, HUH?
Ha ha ha!
WELL, MOPING ABOUT LIKE THIS WON'T DO ME ANY GOOD!

LET'S GO OUT AND CELEBRATE TONIGHT!
OH! I ALMOST FORGOT!
HOW'S BOWLING SOUND? OR MAYBE KARAOKE? I JUST LEARNED THE LATEST AMURO SONG.
ANKS.
WHAT IS IT?
I'M... I'M SORRY, HIDEKI. I HAVE SOMETHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR.
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LIED ..?
...I LIED TO YOU.
YES.
THAT STUFF ABOUT MACHIKO HAVING A BOYFRIEND... I MADE IT ALL UP.
AND THEN AFTER I HEARD HOW YOU PULLED OUT OF YOUR EXAMS THE DAY BEFORE--I FELT SO BAD FOR HURTING YOU LIKE THAT.

WELL... IT... IT WASN'T A LIE.
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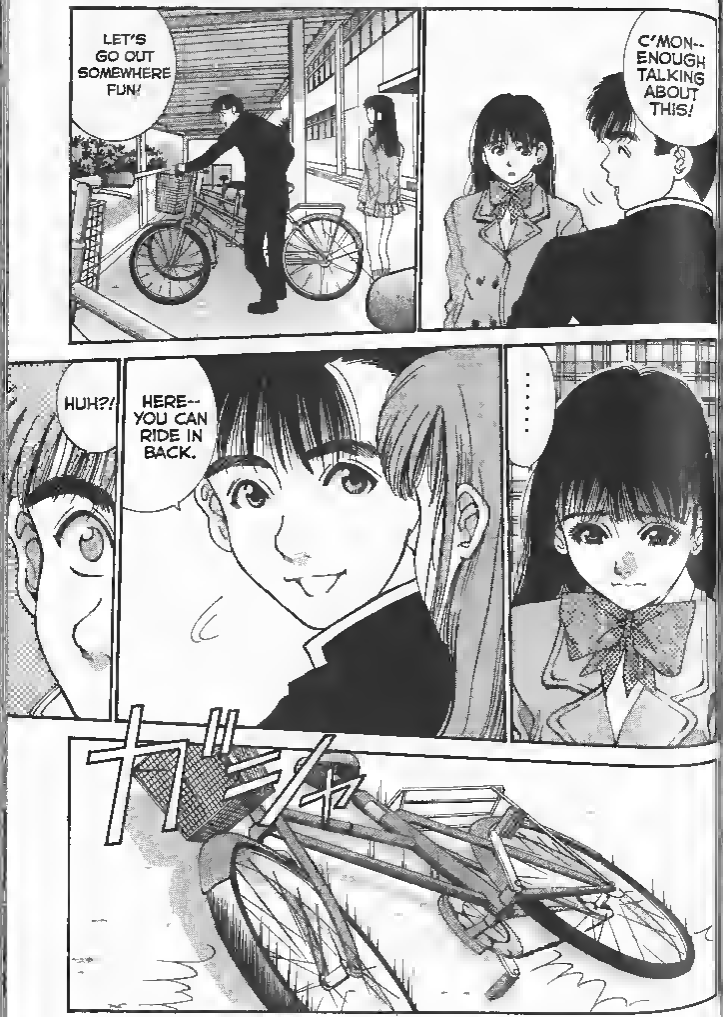
I WENT TO MACHIKO'S APARTMENT AND...I SAW HER WITH ANOTHER MAN.
HUH?
SO... YOU DIDN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING WRONG. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
IDEKI...


LET'S GO OUT SOMEWHERE FUN!
C'MON-- ENOUGH TALKING ABOUT THIS!
HUH?!
HERE-- YOU CAN RIDE IN BACK.
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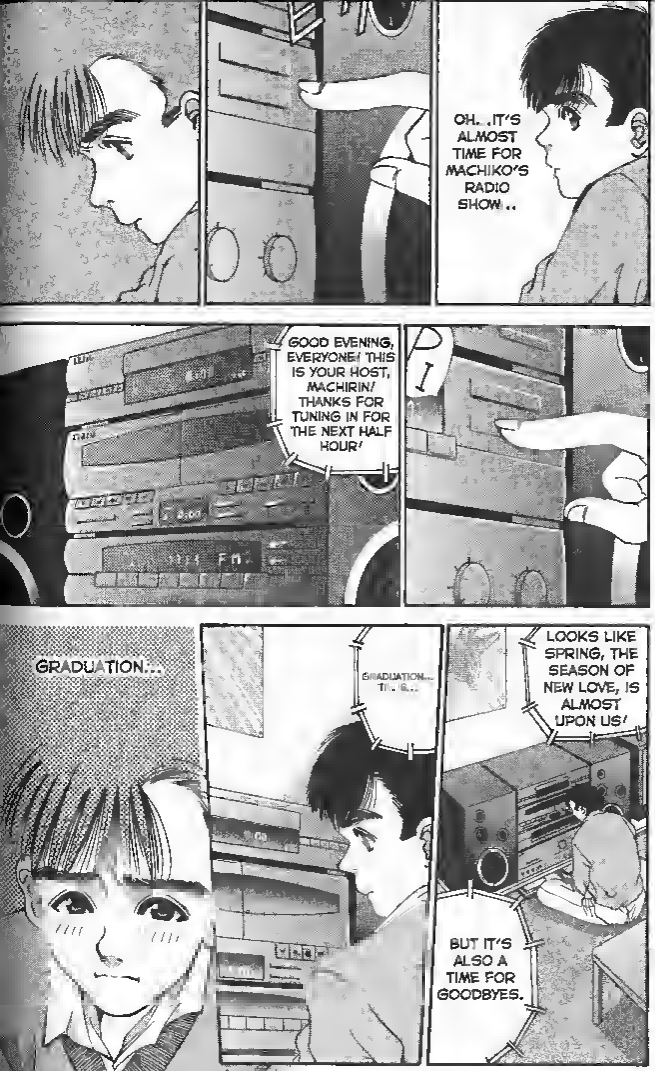
W-WH
S!?
HUH...?

WHAT WAS THAT KISS SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
WAS SHE TRYING TO MAKE UP FOR LYING EARLIER? OR WAS SHE TRYING TO CHEER ME UP...?
OR... DOES SHE...!!
ARGH! I JUST DON'T GET IT!
SHIT!


OH. .IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR MACHIKO'S RADIO SHOW..
GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE! THIS IS YOUR HOST, MACHIRIN! THANKS FOR TUNING IN FOR THE NEXT HALF HOUR!
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GRADUATION...
GRADUATION... TH.. S...
LOOKS LIKE SPRING, THE SEASON OF NEW LOVE, IS ALMOST UPON US!
BUT IT'S ALSO A TIME FOR GOODBYES.

THAT WAS THE TIME WHEN MACHIKO FIRST KISSED ME!
COULD THAT BE... HOUKO?
HOU-CHAN?
THIS ONE IS FROM HOU-CHAN, WHO'LL BE GRADUATING THIS SPRING.
HUH?!
AND NOW I'D LIKE TO READ A LETTER I RECEIVED FROM MY VERY OWN HOMETOWN!
CHEER UP, HIDEKI-KUN. ME AND HOU-CHAN HAVE GOT YOUR BACK.
SO LET THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS BLOOM NEXT YEAR, OKAY?
"HE'S REALLY DOWN, BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY TO CHEER HIM UP, NOTHING SEEMS TO WORK!"
"ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS JUST FAILED HIS FINAL EXAMS."
OKAY, THEN. YOU GOT IT.
"PLEASE TRY TO CHEER HIM UP, MACHIRIN."

AND THEN... THAT KISS...
HOUKO WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT ME THAT SHE CALLED UP THE RADIO STATION...?
...COULD IT BE, N... SHE LIKES ME?
BUT I...
MY HEART... IT'S POUNDING
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...I STILL CAN'T GET MACHIKO OUT OF MY HEAD.

THEN, THE DAY OF GRADUATION FINALLY CAME
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OH...!
HUH?

I HEARD YOUR LETTER ON THE RADIO THE OTHER DAY. THANKS.
YO.
...YO.
NO PROBLEM. I'M GLAD YOU'RE FEELING BETTER.
DH! DID YDU HEAR? MACHIKD'S CDMING TD VISIT OUR SCHOOL TODAY.
YEAH! SHE SAID SHE'S COMING TD ATTEND AN EVENT.
HUH?!

APPARENTLY, THAT GUY YOU SAW HER WITH WAS HER MANAGER, NOT HER BOYFRIEND.
OH...AND MACHIKO TOLD ME SOMETHING ELSE, TOO.
HE WASN'T... HER BOYFRIEND?
HUH?!
HIDEKI... LOOK WHO IT IS.
OH!

...UT...
GO AHEAD. YOU'VE LOVED HER FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, RIGHT?
MACHIKO...
DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE OKAY.
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OOPS!
WELL? HURRY IT UP!

CONGRATULATIONS ON GRADUATING!
THIS PLACE BRINGS BACK SO MANY MEMORIES.
TH-THANKS.
I REMEMBER WHEN I PASSED BY THESE LINES OF CHERRY BLOSSOM TREES ON MY GRADUATION DAY.
BUT JUST BEFORE THAT, I STOOD BENEATH ONE OF THOSE TREES WITH SOMEONE SPECIAL...
AH

HAVE YOUR FEELINGS HANGED SINCE HAT DAY YOU CONFESSED AT YOU LIKED ME?
...
HUH?
LISTEN...
UH...
...I'VE MISSED HER SO BADLY...
...I'VE LIKED MACHIKO FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS...
...I...
I...

HOUKO...
DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE OKAY.
I...
.....
I'VE .. I'VE LIKED YOU FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS/ BUT JUST NOW.. I REALIZED SOMETHING

...FINALLY REALIZED HOW YOU REALLY FEEL, HUH?
TEE HEE...
HUH?
WELL THEN? HURRY UP!
I... I'VE BEEN SUCH AN IDIOT.
BEFORE HOUKO LEAVES FOR TOKYO TO BE A RADIO HOST, TOO.

HOUKO'S GOING TO TOKYO
TO BE A RADIO HOST.
SEE? BETTER HURRY!
RI-RIGHT!
THAT'S WHEN I FINALLY TOLD HOUKO HOW I FELT ABOUT HER.

TWO WEEKS LATER...
OH, NO! I CAN'T FIND MY TICKET ANYWHERE!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING! YOU JUST HAD IT IN YOUR POCKET A SECOND AGO!
PHEW! FOUND IT!
ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY IN TOKYO?
HEH HEH HEH.
HANG IN THERE.
I'LL BE THERE TOO, AS SOON AS I PASS MY EXAMS NEXT YEAR!
WHATEVER. BY THAT TIME, I'LL BE A BIG STAR!

HEH HEH...
OH!
WELL-- LOOKS LIKE THIS IS MY TRAIN.

IT WAS A WHOLE OTHER WORLD, WHEN THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS WERE BLOOMING ON THE BRANCHES. I'M LIVING LIFE ALONE LIVING LIFE ALONE.
AND THE TIME I'M LOSING IS THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF ALL.
WHEN I ENTER THAT BURNING RED TERM, I TAKE A LOOK AT THAT PHOTO I HAD HIDDEN OF ME IN THAT SCHOOL UNIFORM. IT MUST BE TRUE TODAY IS THE LAST DAY
THERE WAS ALSO THAT DAY WHEN YOU ASKED IF YOU COULD BORROW MY NOTEBOOK BEFORE THE BIG TEST, AND EVERYONE TEASED ME ABOUT IT, BUT YOU WERE JUST ANOTHER CLASSMATE
SCHOOL UNIFORM,
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REPORT 15 What's in That Playgirl's Handel

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I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN DO THIS...
ARRIVING AT XXX STATION/ ARRIVING AT XXX STATION/
NAH--YOU LOOK FINE/ TOTALLY CUTE/
COULDN'T WE HAVE USED A BETTER PICTURE OF ME?
B-BUT...!
TOO LATE FOR THAT, KYOUKO. IT'S NOW OR NEVER. BESIDES, IT ISN'T LIKE YOU TO GIVE UP SO EASILY.
WHOA/
WELL? GO ON, THEN/

JEEZ, IT'S ALWAYS PACKED LIKE THIS EVERY SINGLE MORNING!
WHOA!
HEY, THERE!
YO!
CHECK IT OUT! THERE'S A PHOTO GLUED TO YOUR SHOULDER!
HUH? A PHOTO?
WAIT A MINUTE! LEMME TAKE A LOOK AT THAT THING!
GIRLS WHO STICK THEIR PICTURE AND PAGER NUMBERS ON GUYS THEY LIKE!
YOU'RE GETTING HIT ON, DUMBASS! HOW CAN YOU NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS? IT'S ALL THE RAGE THESE DAYS!
DUDE! THAT MEANS A GYAKU-NAN'S TRYING TO GET WITH YOU!
A GYAKU-NAN?

IS THIS FOR AL..?
W-WOW! SHE IS PRETTY CUTE!
GAP!
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WELL...I GUESS YOU OUGHT TO GIVE HER A CALL DON'T YOU THINK?
SO... WHAT DO I DO NOW?
I'LL BET SHE'S PRETTY EASY, IF SHE HAD THE GUTS TO HIT ON YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE.

OKAY...
I HOPE THIS ISN'T SOME SORT OF JOKE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE A GIRL THIS CUTE WOULD ACTUALLY BE INTO ME.
...I WONDER IF SHE'S EVEN CUTER IN REAL LIFE!
SHE CERTAINLY IS MY TYPE
ガチャ
HERE WE GO!
TURNED OUT IT WASN'T A PRANK. SO THE NEXT DAY, I WENT ON A DATE WITH THE GIRL FROM THE PHOTO
KYOUKO NAMAZAKI, HUH?
LET'S SEE...
SHE SOUNDED PRETTY BRIGHT AND ENERGETIC ON THE PHONE...

..I HOPE EVERYTHING GOES SMOOTHLY.
OH MAN, AM I NERVOUS!
EXCUSE ME..?
UH?
HI THERE!
OH! H-HI...!
...
TH-THIS MUST BE PRETTY SUDDEN FOR YOU!
I JUST HOPE I'M NOT... WASTING YOUR TIME.

OH! N-NO! NOT AT ALL!
THANK GOODNESS!
I WAS WORRIED YOU'D THINK THE WHOLE THING WAS KINDA WEIRD
I SURE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO!
YEAH— I WAS REALLY NERVOUS!
THEN THAT MAKES TWO OF US!
HEE HEE HEE!
HA HA HA...
SO WHERE SHOULD WE GO FIRST?
WELL, LET'S SEE...

I THINK WE CAN CATCH IT RIGHT NOW!
.. OH! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE THIS MOVIE!
ACTUALLY, I'VE HAD MY EYE ON YOU FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I NEVER REALIZED WE WERE RIDING THE SAME TRAIN EVERY DAY!
TEE HEE HEE!
OH! S-SORRY. I ALWAYS HAD MY NOSE IN A MANGA, AND
?!
WHOA!
DING!
BLUSH
...

AND IT ENDED WONDERFULLY!
THAT'S HOW MY FIRST DATE WITH KYOUKO STARTED..
I HAD A GREAT TIME TODAY! THANKS!
YEAH! ME, TOO...
.....
MY FRIENDS WERE RIGHT.
HUH?

...
I'M SO GLAD I FINALLY GOT THE COURAGE TO DO IT
THEY SAID THAT I COULD NEVER GET MY FEELINGS ACROSS IF I ONLY WATCHED YOU FROM AFAR
SHE URE IS UTE.
THAT KYOUKO-CHAN...
SEE YOU LATER!
TALK ABOUT JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS.
MAN, WERE THEY WRONG WHEN THEY SAID A GYAKU-NAN WOULD BE "EASY."
I'VE NEVER MET A NICER GIRL!

BUT THEN, ONE DAY...
AFTER THAT, WE WENT ON DATE AFTER DATE.
THE DEMPSEY ROLL!
Roll roll!
OH, WATANABE KUN! THAT REMINDS ME. I READ THAT MANGA YOU SAID WAS REALLY FUN!
HA HA HA HA!
AND THEN, YOU PUNCH 'EM!
OH!
ありがとうございます

TODAY MAKES OUR FIFTH DATE SO FAR!
NO PROB.
OOPS. LOOKS LIKE A FRIEND'S CALLING ME. IS IT OKAY IF I GO CALL HER UP REALLY QUICK?
OH! THAT'S MY BEEPER.
BUT I STILL HAVEN'T...
...TOLD HER HOW I FEEL YET.
I HAVE TO CONFESS TO HER TODAY!!
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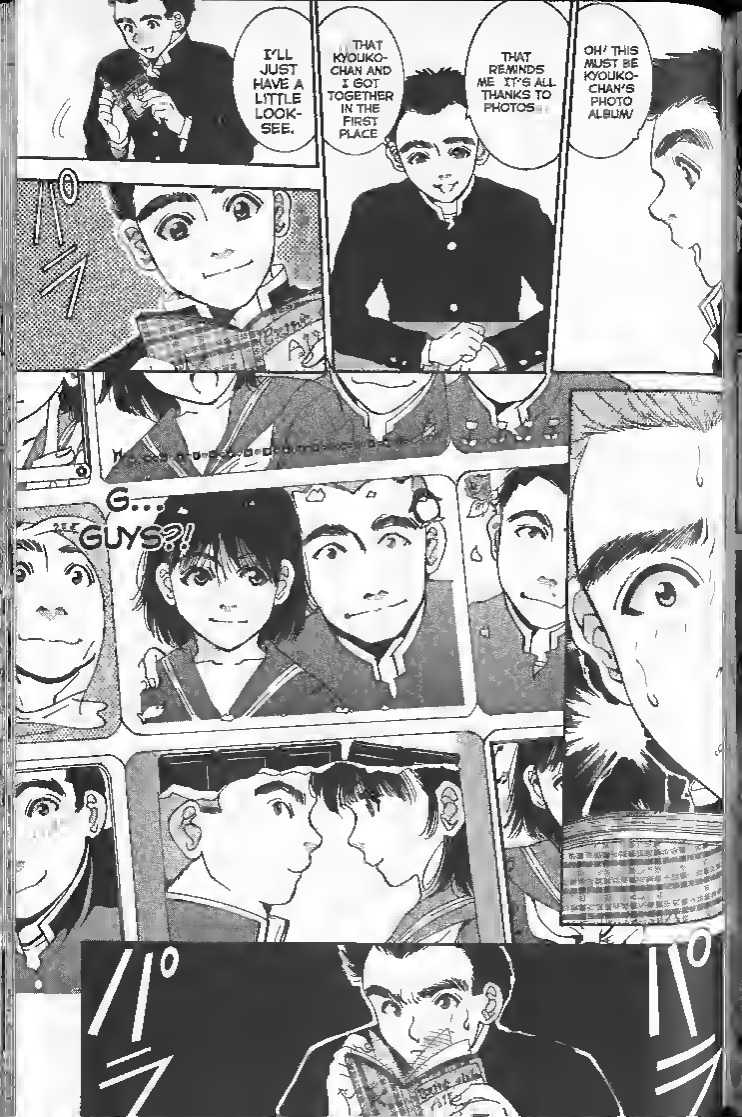
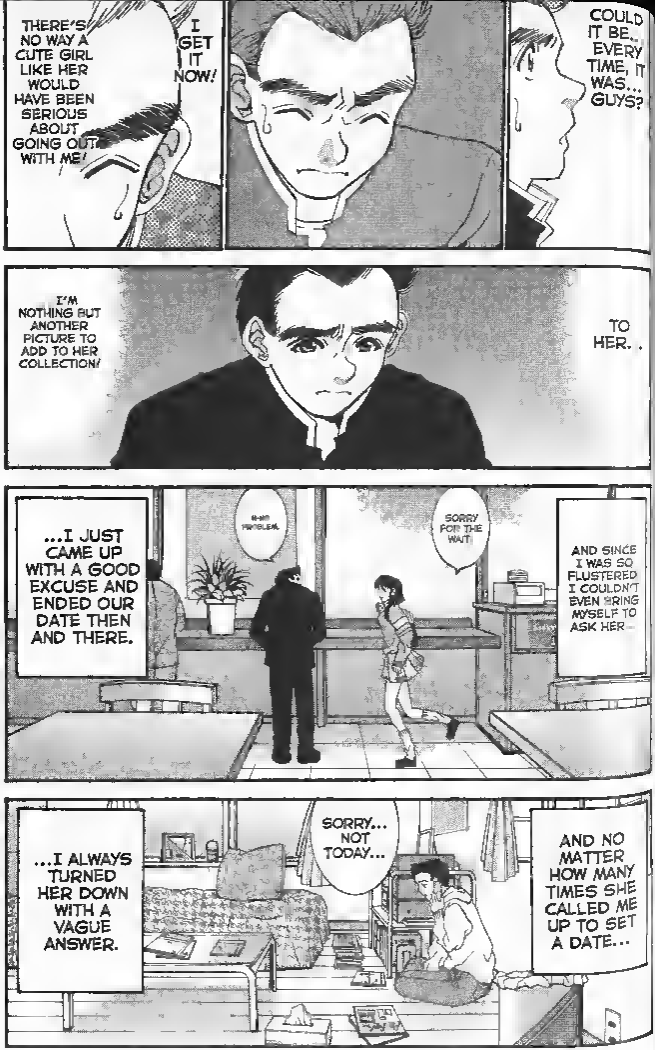

OH! THIS MUST BE KYOUKO-CHAN'S PHOTO ALBUM!
THAT REMINDS ME... IT'S ALL THANKS TO PHOTOS...
THAT KYOUKO-CHAN AND I GOT TOGETHER IN THE FIRST PLACE...
I'LL JUST HAVE A LITTLE LOOK-SEE.
G... GUYS?!

AND MORE!!
AND EVEN MORE GUYS!
.....
AND THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM!
WHY... WOULD SHE TAKE PICTURES WITH MORE GUYS THAN GIRLS?!
WHENEVER I'M WITH HER, HER ANGER KEEPS GOING OFF!
AND NOT ONLY THAT...
...IF SHE HAD THE GUTS TO HIT ON YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I'LL BET SHE'S PRETTY EASY...


COULD IT BE... EVERY TIME, IT WAS... GUYS?
I GET IT NOW!
THERE'S NO WAY A CUTE GIRL LIKE HER WOULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUS ABOUT GOING OUT WITH ME!
TO HER. .
I'M NOTHING BUT ANOTHER PICTURE TO ADD TO HER COLLECTION!
AND SINCE I WAS SO FLUSTERED I COULDN'T EVEN BRING MYSELF TO ASK HER--
SORRY FOR THE WAIT!
HI MY FRIEND.
...I JUST CAME UP WITH A GOOD EXCUSE AND ENDED OUR DATE THEN AND THERE.
AND NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES SHE CALLED ME UP TO SET A DATE...
SORRY... NOT TODAY...
...I ALWAYS TURNED HER DOWN WITH A VAGUE ANSWER.

...I TOOK A LATER TRAIN, TO MAKE SURE I DIDN'T RUN INTO HER.
AND WHEN I RODE THE MORNING TRAIN ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL.
!
OH...
WHAT...?

BUT IT JUST HURTS TOO MUCH TO SEE HER.
I...I'M SUCH A COWARD.
THAT DAY, AFTER SCHOOL
KUH?
YOU'RE WATANABE-KUN, RIGHT?

I'M KYOUKO-CHAN'S FRIEND.
AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU ON HER BEHALF.
THAT'S CRAZY!! YOU'VE TOTALLY GOT THE WRONG IDEA!
WRONG IDEA?
BUT SHE HAD ALL THOSE PICTURES OF OTHER GUYS...
THOSE GUYS WEREN'T HER BOYFRIENDS!
THEY WERE JUST RIENDS FROM LUBS!
OMIGOD! YOU'RE SO DENSE!
?!
SHE USED TO BE BASEBALL TEAM MANAGER BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH!
FOR GRADUATION, THEY ALL WENT OUT AND TOOK PICTURES AS KEEPSAKES!
LIKE THEIR BUZZ-CUTS DIDN'T GIVE IT AWAY ENOUGH!
...I UESS HAT AKES NSE...

Y-YOU'RE RIGHT...
BESIDES, ISN'T IT KINDA OLD-FASHIONED TO ASSUME THOSE GUYS WERE HER BOYFRIENDS JUST BECAUSE THEY TOOK SOME PHOTOS TOGETHER?
HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SO MEAN TO HER?
I'M SUCH A JERK!
AND HERE I WAS FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF BECAUSE OF A STUPID MISUNDERSTANDING!
SHE'S REALLY BUMMED ABOUT THE WAY YOU'VE BEEN ACTING, YOU KNOW!
WELL, NOW THAT WE'VE STRAIGHTENED THAT OUT... YOU'D BETTER GO MAKE UP WITH HER.
WHAT CAN I DO?!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
TRAIN ARRIVING ON PLATFORM THREE!
THAT NEXT DAY, AFTER SCHOOL

UH?!
KYOUKO-CHAN?
...
...AND... AND I...
I JUST JUMPED TO MY OWN CONCLUSIONS...
I'M... I'M SORRY.

I KNOW. SATOMI ALREADY TOLD ME.
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TRAIN ARRIVING ON PLATFORM TWO!
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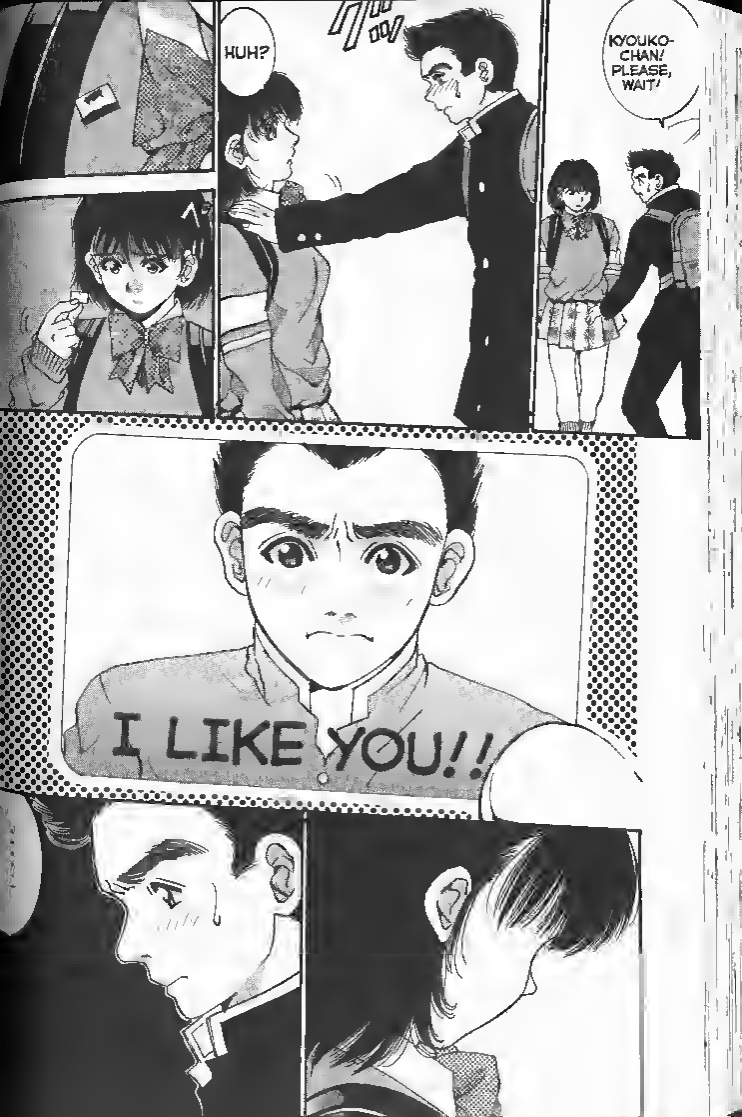
.....
NO! WAIT!
WELL? IF YOU HAVE NOTHING TO SAY, THEN I'M GOING!


HUH?
KYOUKO-CHAN! PLEASE, WAIT!
I LIKE YOU!!

...
...THAT'S HOW I REALLY FEEL.
ALL RIGHT. BUT I STILL HAVEN'T FORGIVEN YOU!
I-I'M SORRY
HUH?!

!
UH... WHERE TO?
LET'S GO.
TO TAKE SOME PICTURES!!
KISS

BOYS BE

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HMPH!
HM?
WHAT'S THIS?
NO! DON'T OPEN IT!
?!

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WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOU DID NOT PASS YOUR LAST AUDITION
SIGNED, MEDIA XXX
YOU WENT TO AN AUDITION?!
THE WHOLE THING REALLY BUMS ME OUT...
THOSE STUPID JUDGES MUST'VE BEEN BLIND!
SO WHAT IF I DID! SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT?!
AND SO FAR, WHENEVER WE TALK, WE ONLY SEEM TO PISS EACH OTHER OFF.
YEAH, I KNOW I KNOW
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CASUAL ABOUT THIS? IT TAKES A LOT TO TRY OUT FOR AN AUDITION!
THAT'S RISA KASAHARA. SHE'S ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR GIRLS IN MY CLASS
WELL, WHY DON'T YOU TRY CUTTING YOUR HAIR SHORT, THEN?
MAYBE THEY THINK I'M TOO PLAIN-LOOKING ?

SAME THING WITH MAKI UCHIDA.
ONCE SHE CUT OFF HER LONG HAIR, SHE WAS AN INSTANT STAR!
BUT YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT RINRIN SUZUKI, DON'T YOU?
HMPH! WHAT A CHEAP TRICK! THAT'D NEVER GET ME PAST THE JUDGES!
HUH?!
WOW... IS THAT TRUE?
SURE IT IS! I KNOW ALL ABOUT THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD!
SO? YOU REALLY GONNA CUT YOUR HAIR?
D-DON'T BE STUPID!
AFTER IT TOOK SO LONG TO GROW IT OUT?!
HMMM.
THE WHOLE THING'S STUPID! I'M GOING HOME

THEN, THE NEXT MORNING...
SO? I CUT IT. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU! ABSOLUTELY PERFECT!
N-N-N NO! OF COURSE NOT!
WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE? DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE JUST JOKING ABOUT THE WHOLE THING!
ポン
OKAY THEN, SEGAWA. I GOT A FAVOR TO ASK.

WH-WHAT IS IT?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME TRAIN SO I CAN PASS THESE AUDITIONS!
YOU SAID YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD, RIGHT?
W-WELL, YEAH. BUT.
.....
Y-YES, MA'AM.
GOOD! NOW BEGINS RIS KASAHARA'S ASCENT TO STARDOM!
STARE
grin
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

...HOW TO MAKE A STAR!
I JUST DON'T KNOW...
BEEP
MAN... THIS ISN'T HELPING
WELL, FINE! IF I'M GONNA DO THIS, I'D BETTER DO IT RIGHT!
BUT SHE'S SO SERIOUS ABOUT IT! THERE'S NO WAY OUT, NOW THAT SHE'S PULLED ME INTO THIS MESS.
A BABE EVEN I WOULD BE A FAN OF!
I'LL MAKE RISA THE HOTTEST BABE ON THE PLANET!

...WE STARTED HER IDOL-MAKEOVER PROJECT.
SO THE NEXT DAY AFTER SCHOOL, IN RISA'S ROOM...
RIGHT!
TRY COMING INTO THE ROOM WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME
OKAY... FIRST WE'RE GOING TO PRETEND LIKE THIS IS A REAL AUDITION
?!
YES, SIR!
NEXT--MS. KISHIMARU PLEASE COME IN.
OKAY! I'M READY!
OH, RIGHT. SORRY.
HEY! NO LAUGHING!
YOU EVEN MOVED A DESK OVER SO YOU COULD USE IT! THIS REALLY DOES FEEL LIKE AN AUDITION!
PFFT!

VERY GOOD! THAT LOOKED TOTALLY NATURAL.
IT'S A PLEASURE MEETING YOU.
MY NAME IS RISA KISAHARA.
I'M SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AND GO TO SCHOOL IN TOKYO.
NOW THEN WHAT ARE YOUR SPECIAL SKILLS?
THIS OKAY?
I'VE TAKEN BALLET LESSONS SINCE I WAS TEN.
WELL... I'M VERY FLEXIBLE.
YES, SIR!
REALLY? IMPRESSIVE! LET'S SEE A SHOW OF THAT

WHOA! LOOKS LIKE THIS IS GONNA BE MORE FUN THAN I THOUGHT.
KEEP IT COOL, KEEP IT COOL.
AHEM
YAY! OKAY, WHAT'S NEXT?
VERY GOOD. I THINK YOU'LL GET SOME HIGH POINTS FOR THAT
...I MEAN, DO THEY REALLY DO THINGS LIKE THAT?
B-BUT... THAT'S TOO...
WHAT?!
NEXT UP IS THE SWIMSUIT JUDGING.
I GUESS... BUT STILL...
OF COURSE! AUDITIONS HAVE IT ALL THE TIME!

OKAY! FINE!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF CELEBRITY SWIMSUIT COMPETITIONS?!
STARDOM IS NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART!
.....
NEXT UP IS NUMBER 22. MS. HISAHARA...
HERE!
HUH?

HOLY—!!!
WOW. I ALWAYS THOUGHT SHE WAS THE SHY TYPE, BUT MAN...WHEN SHE'S IN THAT BATHING SUIT...!!
LIKE THIS?
HUH?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SPEAKING OF WHICH... HOW ABOUT STRIKING A POSE?
COUGH
OH, UH, NOTHING. I WAS JUST THINKING OF WHAT GOOD POSTURE YOU HAVE.

UH... THAT'S STILL A LITTLE TOO NORMAL.
WHY DON'T YOU TRY SOMETHING MORE ...UH... DARING?
HOW'S THIS?
Y-YEAH
YEAH, THAT'S FINE. BUT HOW ABOUT SOMETHING THAT PACKS A LITTLE PUNCH?
OKAY... LIKE THIS?

OOPS!
HEY! ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS?!
HM?
UH, YEAH- RIGHT! ANYWAY...
TH-THAT'S THE RIGHT KIND OF POSE.
BLARE
OKAY, AND NEXT UP WE WILL JUDGE YOUR ACTING SKILLS
THE THEME IS "LOVE CONFESSION"
HUH?
LOVE CONFES-SION?!

YEAH, I KNOW FINE, I'LL DO IT.
...
...HAS A LOVE CONFESSION SCENE!
OH, COME ON. YOU KNOW THAT EVERY DRAMA SERIES OR MOVIE...
I LOVE YOU!
NO NO NO!
ALLLL WRONG!
WELL, IT'S KIND OF HARD TO GET IT RIGHT IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO SAY IT TO!
WAIT--I GOT IT! SEGAWA! YOU STAND THERE!
HUH?!
UH, OKAY

I LOVE YOU...
I... LOVE YOU.
I KINDA LOVE YOU.
I LOVE YOU A WHOLE BUNCH!
MM... STILL FELT A LITTLE TOO GLOOMY.
IIIII LOVE YA!
UH--YEAH, TOO MUCH ENERGY.

NOW I WENT YOU TO STEP UP TO ME, LIFT YOUR HEAD . . AND THEN SAY IT
OKAY!
MMM... GUESS IT TAKES MORE THAN JUST WORDS TO GET IT RIGHT. LET'S TRY PUTTING SOME ACTION INTO IT.
YOU GOT IT!
I LOVE YOU.

TH-THAT WAS REALLY GOOD!
HUH?
NOW... ONE MORE TIME.
OKAY...
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!

BLUSH
OH! UH, IT WAS GOOD! PERFECT!
HUH?!
WHAT'S WRONG?
I'LL MAKE MY NEXT AUDITION FOR SURE!
I DID IT!
...IT FELT SO REAL THAT MY HEART WAS POUNDING!
THAT LAST TIME SHE DID THE LOVE CONFESSION...

...AND FINALLY, RISA WENT TO AUDITION AS THE CAMPAIGN GIRL FOR SOME MEDIA COMPANY.
WE SPENT AN ENTIRE MONTH PRACTICING LIKE THAT...
AND THE FINAL RESULTS WERE...
YOU FAILED TO PASS YOUR LAST AUDITION.
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OKAY.
OPEN IT!
AND AFTER I FOLLOWED YOUR EVERY ORDER!
THROW IT AWAY.
.....
GLANCE
...I'M SORRY.
.....

SIGH
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GIVE UP. IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE ANY TALENT ANYWAY...
.....
HUH?
TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL!
BESIDES, I THINK YOU LOOKED CUTER BEFORE YOU CUT YOUR HAIR
AND I'VE SEEN YOU IN A BATHING SUIT! SO I KNOW YOU'VE GOT GREAT PROPORTIONS.
BUT THERE ARE A BUNCH OF GIRLS LIKE THAT.
NO! YOU'RE WRONG!
HUH?!
UH...
UH, WHAT I MEANT WAS... YOU SEE...
...I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANOTHER GIRL OUT THERE AS CUTE AS YOU ARE...
AND IT MAY NOT MATTER... BUT TO ME...

...TO ME... YOU'RE THE BEST GIRL THERE IS!!
I THOUGHT I'D CHEER HER UP, BUT I CONFESSED THAT I LIKE HER INSTEAD!
CRAP!
.....
THANK YOU...
HUH?!
W...WELL THEN...?
...YEAH.

I'LL JUST KEEP DOING MY BEST UNTIL I MAKE IT!
THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF AUDITIONS OUT THERE FOR ME TO TRY!
YOU... YOU GOTTA KEEP TRYING YOUR BEST.
Ha ha ha...
YEAH... RIGHT.
...
HM?
RIGHT!
.....

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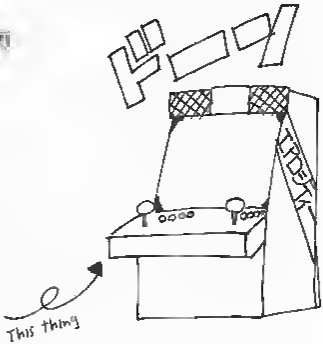
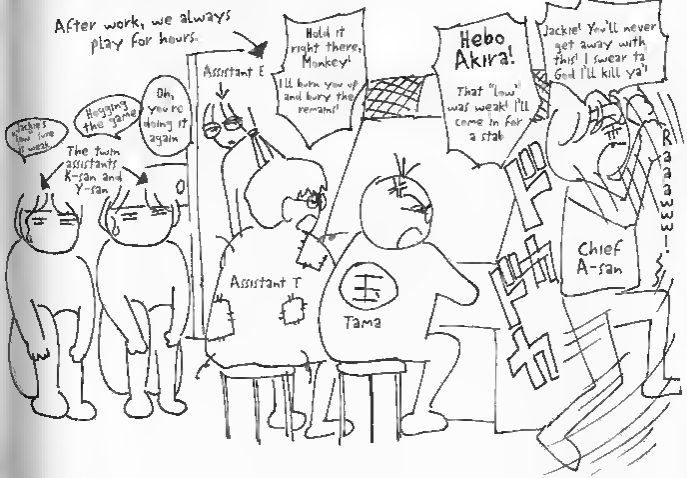
WHAT TAMAKOSHI LOVES ABOUT FIST-FIGHTING, PART II!

NOW, I'M SURE I SAID THIS IN THE LAST VOLUME, BUT I JUST LOOOOVE FIST-FIGHTING (FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART)! AND IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOME PROOF OF THAT, YOU CAN FIND IT IN THE "VIRTUAL FIGHTER 3" VIDEO GAME THAT I EVEN BRING TO WORK! YES, I ACTUALLY BOUGHT THE THING. THAT'S ABOUT THE ONLY REASON WHY I LOVE FIST-FIGHTING AND FIST-FIGHTING GAMES SO MUCH! AND WHEN THE MOMENT'S WORK IS OVER, WE ALL SIT DOWN FOR A GOOD OLD VIRTUAL TOURNAMENT! IN THE TOURNAMENT WE MADE, WE ALL GET A CHANCE TO TRY OUR SKILLS AGAINST EVERYONE ELSE. THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT WE START SYMPATHIZING SO MUCH WITH THE GAME CHARACTERS THAT A LOT OF ARGUMENTS OFTEN BREAK OUT...BUT AT LEAST EVERYONE ENJOYS PLAYING THE GAME!!



PLUS, MY NAME IN THE RING IS..."MONKEY BALL"!


After work, we always play for hours.
Assistant E
Hold it right there, Monkey!
I'll burn you up and bury the remains!
Hebo Akira!
That "low" was weak! I'll come in for a stab
Jackie! You'll never get away with this! I swear to God I'll kill ya!
Raaaaaaa!
Chief A-san
Hogging the game!
Oh, you're losing it again
Jackie's "low" sure is weak.
The twin assistants K-san and Y-san
Assistant T
Tama

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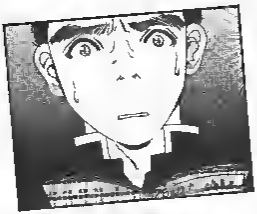
OKAY, FOR STARTERS: TWO THUMBS WAY UP TO OUR MAIN GIRL FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE LIKE THAT AND ASKING HER CRUSH OUT. THIS STORY'S GOT TOP-QUALITY "GIRL POWER" GOING ON.

HELLO, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PURIKURA! TOTALLY FASHIONABLE, CUTE, AND AS OUR MAIN CHARACTER DEMONSTRATED, A UNIQUE WAY TO LEAVE QUITE AN IMPRESSION ON A GUY...

RIGHT...MORE IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT, THOUGH: WATANABE'S BEHAVIOR AFTER FINDING THE PURIKURA SCRAPBOOK WAS NOT SO IMPRESSIVE. JUMPING TO MAD CONCLUSIONS ABOUT KYOUKO...? I MEAN, YOU COULD DO THE GIRL A FAVOR AND JUST ASK HER DIRECTLY WHAT THE STORY IS.

OH YEAH, FOR SURE. GOOD POINT. AND I MEAN, REALLY, AFTER DATING THE SWEET GIRL FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS, HOW COULD HE TAKE HER FOR SOME KIND OF SL*T AFTER ONE LOOK AT HER PHOTO COLLECTION? SIMPLY UNCOOL ASSUMPTION GOING ON.



EXACTLY. SO IN SHORT: GUYS, IF YOU'VE GOT A BIT OF SUSPICION GOING ON WITH YOUR GIRL, DON'T JUST BOIL ABOUT IT AND THEN BLOW UP ON HER. GET ALL THE FACTS DOWN BEFORE YOU DUMP A TOTALLY FINE GIRL...LIKE KYOUKO.

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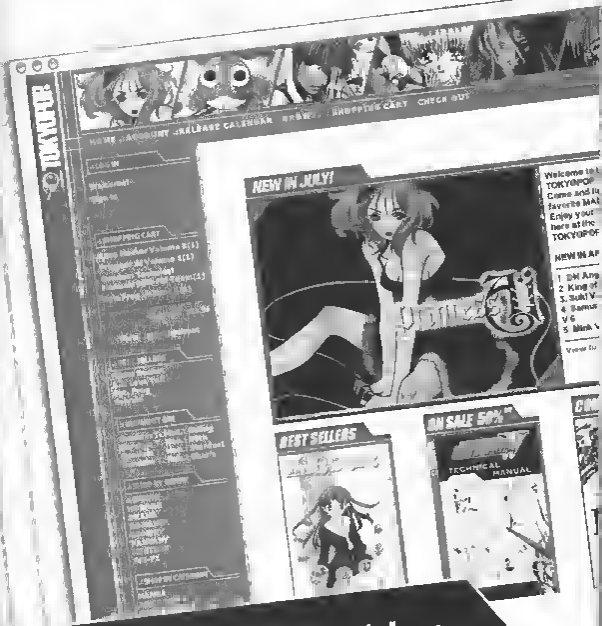

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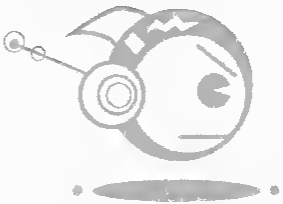

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AUCHINO
ANGELIC LAYER
ARM OF KANNON
BABY BIRTH
BATTLE ROYALE
BATTLE VIXENS
BOYS BE...
BRAIN POWERED
BRIGADOON
B'TX
CANDIDATE FOR GODDESS, THE
CARDCAPTOR SAKURA
CARDCAPTOR SAKURA - MASTER OF THE CLOW
CHOBITS
CHRONICLES OF THE CURSED SWORD
CLAMP SCHOOL DETECTIVES
CLOVER
COMIC PARTY
CONFIDENTIAL CONFESSIONS
CORRECTOR YUI
COWBOY BEBOP
COWBOY BEBOP: SHOOTING STAR
CRAZY LOVE STORY
CRESCENT MOON
CROSS
CULDCEPT
CYBORG 009
D•N•ANGEL
DEARS
DEMON DIARY
DEMON ORORON, THE
DEUS VITAE
DIABOLO
DIGIMON
DIGIMON TAMERS
DIGIMON ZERO TWO
DOLL
DRAGON HUNTER
DRAGON KNIGHTS
DRAGON VOICE
DREAM SAGA
DUKLYON: CLAMP SCHOOL DEFENDERS
EERIE QUEERIE!
ERICA SAKURAZAWA: COLLECTED WORKS
ET CETERA
ETERNITY
EVIL'S RETURN
FAERIES' LANDING
FAKE
FLCL
FLOWER OF THE DEEP SLEEP
FORBIDDEN DANCE
FRUITS BASKET
G GUNDAM
GATEKEEPERS
GETBACKERS
GIRL GOT GAME
GRAVITATION
GTO
GUNDAM SEED ASTRAY
GUNDAM WING
GUNDAM WING: BATTLEFIELD OF PACIFISTS
GUNDAM WING: ENDLESS WALTZ
GUNDAM WING: THE LAST OUTPOST (G-UNIT)
HANDS OFF!
HAPPY MANIA
HARLEM BEAT
HYPER RUNE
I.N.V.U.
IMMORTAL RAIN
INITIAL D
INSTANT TEEN: JUST ADD NUTS
ISLAND
JING: KING OF BANDITS
JING: KING OF BANDITS - TWILIGHT TALES
JULINE
KARE KANO
KILL ME, KISS ME
KINDAICHI CASE FILES, THE
KING OF HELL
KODOCHA: SANA'S STAGE
LAMENT OF THE LAMB
LEGAL DRUG
LEGEND OF CHUN HYANG, THE
LES BIJOUX
LOVE HINA
LOVE OR MONEY
LUPIN III
LUPIN III: WORLD'S MOST WANTED
MAGIC KNIGHT RAYEARTH I
MAGIC KNIGHT RAYEARTH II
MAHOROMATIC: AUTOMATIC MAIDEN
MAN OF MANY FACES
MARMALADE BOY
MARS
MARS: HORSE WITH NO NAME
MINK
MIRACLE GIRLS
MIYUKI-CHAN IN WONDERLAND
MODEL
MOURYOU KIDEN: LEGEND OF THE NYMPH
NECK AND NECK
ONE
ONE I LOVE, THE
PARADISE KISS
PARASYTE
PASSION FRUIT
PEACH FUZZ
PEACH GIRL
PEACH GIRL: CHANGE OF HEART
PET SHOP OF HORRORS
PITA-TEN
PLANET LADDER

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I wouldn't want to spoil a great ending!

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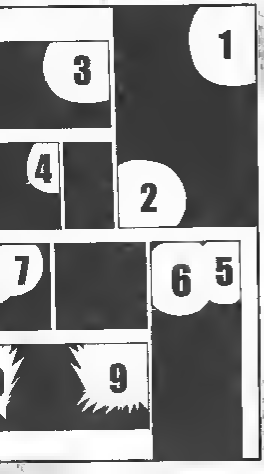

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